GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

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HARASSMENT TO FISHERMEN
RAMSHETH THAKUR

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that Coast Guard and officials of Mumbai Port are harassing the poor fishermen when they go for fishing;

(b) if so, whether the Government have received any complaints in this regard; and

(c) if so, the action bring taken against those officials?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) to (c): There has been no case of harassment of fishermen by Coast Guard.Rather, the Coast Guard renders assistance to the Indian fishermen by undertaking search and rescue operations to save their lives in distress at sea. The Coast Guard also undertakes Community Interaction Programme for the local fishermen on regular basis to educate them on safety aspects and other maritime matters.